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SUBJ: EC MEETINGS: U.S. POSITION ON ENDANGERED

SPECIES CONVENTION

FOR PAUL GLASOE

THE FOLLOWING PROPOSED U.S. POSITION HAS BEEN PREPARED
IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
THE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY FOR THE ENDANGERED SPECIES
CONVENTION.

1. IT IS THE POSITION OF THE UNITED STATES THAT
TO MAKE THE CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN
ENDANGERED SPECIES OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA PROVIDE
EFFECTIVE PROTECTION FOR ENDANGERED SPECIES ALL
NATIONS EITHER PRODUCING OR CONSUMING WILDLIFE FOR
INTERNATIONAL TRADE MUST BECOME SIGNATORIES TO THE
CONVENTION.

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2. ARTICLE 10 OF THE CONVENTION PROVIDES THAT

CONVENTION MEMBER STATES MAY REQUIRE COMPARABLE CERTIFICATES AND PERMITS FROM ANY NON-MEMBER STATE BEFORE ACCEPTING TRADE IN SPECIES LISTED IN THE CONVENTION. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IN JUNE OF THIS YEAR THROUGH ITS MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY PROPOSED

RULES THAT WOULD REQUIRE THIS COMPARABLE CERTIFICATION FROM NON-MEMBER NATIONS. IT IS THE POSITION OF THE UNITED STATES THAT OTHER NATIONS SHOULD ADOPT A SIMILAR INTERPRETATION OF ARTICLE 10 TO PROVIDE THE INCENTIVE TO NON-SIGNATORIES TO RATIFY THE CONVENTION AND IMPLEMENT IT. THIS STANDARD CERTIFICATION WILL GREATLY REDUCE THE PRACTICAL PROBLEMS OF IMPLEMENTATION.

3. IT IS THE POSITION OF THE UNITED STATES THAT THE PRESENT EMPHASIS OF DISCUSSION ON THE CONVENTION SHOULD CENTER ON THE PRACTICAL DIFFICULTIES ASSOCIATED WITH CONVENTION IMPLEMENTATION RATHER THAN MODIFICATION OF THE CONVENTION ITSELF OR THE APPENDICES. THE U.S. CONSIDERS THE PRACTICAL ASPECTS PRESENTING SUFFICIENT DIFFICULTIES TO WARRANT THIS EMPHASIS IN CONVENTION DISCUSSIONS.

4. TO ALLEVIATE MANY OF THE PRACTICAL PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH IMPLEMENTATION IT IS THE SUGGESTION OF THE UNITED STATES THAT THERE BE VERY CLOSE AND DIRECT CONTACT AMONG THE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITIES OF THE EUROPEAN NATIONS AND THE UNITED STATES. THE PROBLEMS POSED FOR US ALL ARE SIMILAR DUE TO OUR POSITION AS WILDLIFE CONSUMERS RATHER THAN PRODUCERS. THE GOAL TO PROVIDE MAXIMUM PROTECTION WHILE ALLOWING TRADE TO CONTINUE SMOOTHLY AND EFFICIENTLY DEMANDS A VERY CLOSE CONTACT AMONG MANAGEMENT AUTHORITIES. IT IS THE U.S. PROPOSAL THAT ONCE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITIES HAVE BECOME ESTABLISHED WITHIN THE EC COUNTRIES THAT THESE AUTHORITIES MEET REGULARLY WITH THE UNITED STATES TO DISCUSS IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE CONVENTION.

5. AS A FIRST STEP TOWARD THIS COORDINATION WE SUGGEST
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THE PREPARATION OF INFORMATION CONCERNING DOMESTIC LAWS AND REGULATIONS, THE ORGANIZATION OF MANAGEMENT AND SCIENTIFIC AUTHORITIES ESTABLISHED UNDER THE CONVENTION, AND ENFORCEMENT METHODOLOGIES AND REQUIREMENTS. THE UNITED STATES HOPES THAT ALL COUNTRIES COULD HAVE SUCH DOCUMENTATION AVAILABLE FOR THE FIRST MEETING OF THE PARTIES IN NOVEMBER OF THIS YEAR.

6. THE U.S. ALSO SUGGESTS THE PREPARATION OF GUIDES
FOR THE RECOGNITION AND HANDLING OF ENDANGERED SPECIES
PARTS AND PRODUCTS FOR USE BY CUSTOMS AUTHORITIES. KISSINGER

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